

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe the named inventor(s) to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INDIRECTLY IDENTIFYING A RETENTION PERIOD FOR DATA IN A STORAGE SYSTEM** the specification of which is attached hereto I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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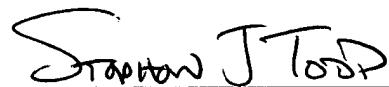
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